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1. The U mostecké brány Barracks, formerly Brueckentor Kaserne, on the north edge of Cheb (N 51/P 37) was occupied by a unit wearing red epaulets until 23 May 1952.¹

2. The U horný Barracks, formerly Obertor Kaserne, in the southern sector of the town and north of a hospital was occupied by a motorized AT unit until the beginning of 1952. Light guns, similar to the German 37-mm AT guns, were repeatedly seen leaving the installation.¹

3. The former finance office in the southern sector of the town on the east side of Gregorien Square and east of the U horný brány Barracks was occupied by a border guard unit until May 1952. The former fiscal administration building in the center of the town on the west side of Stalin Street was not occupied by military personnel.

4. The former nunnery on the southwest edge of the town and on the west side of the road to Wies (N 51/P 27) was occupied by a PS unit since the beginning of January 1951.

5. Horse-drawn vehicles were repeatedly seen in the barracks installation southwest of the town and west of the road to Wies in early 1952.

the drivers did not wear green service color.

6. The former Myslivna inn, 2 km west of the town center and north of the road to Muehlbach (N 51/P 37), quartered a PS unit prior to May 1952.²

7. Prior to 17 May 1952, a unit of 50 to 60 men wearing red-bordered epaulets was stationed at Sokolov (N 51/P 58) castle at the southwest edge of the town between the Ohre River and the road to Cheb. In the southern part of the castle park there was an obstacle course. The unit was generally referred to by the population as infantry unit. Only carbines were seen.

8. Recruits of the 1930 and 1931 classes were inducted in the Sokolov area in April 1952.³

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9. Prior to 9 February 1952, three buildings, each about 60 meters long, were under construction about 1,000 meters to the north of the Bechovice (O 51/L 98) railroad station. [redacted] the buildings were to quarter a military research station. Soldiers also worked at the site. The installation had a railroad siding.

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1. [redacted] Comment. The 9th Inf Regt, [redacted] which had been transferred from Chomutov in November 1950, is stationed in Cheb. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. A PS brigade, apparently the 5th Brig, is stationed in Cheb in the former nunnery, with the headquarters of the 3d Bn being quartered in the Myslivna inn and the headquarters of the 4th Bn in the former finance office south of the railroad station.

3. [redacted] Comment. The majority of the 1930 and 1931 classes had already been drafted in 1951. According to a previous report, recruits for the air force were to be drafted only in March and April 1952. [redacted] The soldiers were possibly drafted for the air force.

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